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assigned by the nature of their content to other committees. If this bill does not go to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, that is to me an indictment of the committee as incompetent, careless, highhanded, arrogant, anything you want to call it and I would suggest that it will reflect, sooner or later, in a breakdown of the system whereby we just assign bills wherever you can get the votes to send them. It's no secret. I have a couple of bills. I have a little bill in Revenue Committee that has to do with tax in the pari-mutuel betting and I would think if that bill went to the Committee on Agriculture, and logically it could because it deals with horses, the bill would come out probably eight strong. I am going to have a tough time in Revenue because they look at it from a different point of view. They are suppose to look at it from that point of view. They look at it from the standpoint of raising of revenue. This bill Senator Bereuter correctly said affects every one of us. So does every one of the other seven hundred odd bills that have been introduced here, in one capacity or another. There can be no disqualification of any member of my committee. There can be no disqualification of any other member of any other committee. This has got to be resolved here on one issue. Where do you send the bills? Do you send them where you can get enough pressure to send them or do you send them based upon the content. Now if you want to go back and check the previous bills, go back and check the statutes. Bills of a similar nature have always gone to the committee on Agriculture and Environment and I want to stress the environmental aspect of it because it has an important part. The comment has been made and I haven't disagreed with Senator Bereuter very often this morning but I'm going to disagree now that persons of urban interest would not attend hearings normally held by the Committee on Agriculture and Environment. Let me suggest that persons from urban areas predominate frequently, frequently predominate the hearings that are held by our committee. There was a time, there was a time when the farmer could hardly get into the hearing room when we held some of these hearings on pesticides and chemicals and environment. Unhappily for me, many of those people have lost interest and have other interest at this time but the facts are that those of us whose investments are in the land, those of us whose livelihood is affected by the ultimate final use of land have admittedly a biased point of view but one that is necessarily good for this state and for this nation. We cannot be criticized on the basis of past actions. No one has been able to document any criticism of that committee of which I am chairman on the basis of past action in this area. If that ever happens, I will resign and justifiably so. I will resign the chairmanship because I do not conduct a committee in that manner and I would ask you at this time, we've discussed it far too long. I agree with Senator Chambers. This is the point to bring the disagreement. This is the body which decides but the reason we have a Reference Committee is to make the decision initially.

PRESIDENT: You have a minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you. If you had a disagreement, you bring it to this body. This is where it is then resolved and I can abide by that decision but can this body abide by the decision if it is wrong. I don't think so. I ask you to send the bill--leave the bill with the Committee on Agriculture and Environment. Thank you very much.